

TOPIC Soviet Supply Shipments by Rail 25X1

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1. The following shipments were listed in the records of the 3d Subdistrict Office of the Berlin railroad district between 30 April and 14 May 1952:

Date	Supply Shipments	From	To	
30 April	44 flatcars	Wuensdorf	Brest Litovsk	25X1
1 May	3 coaches and 46 flatcars	Frankfurt/Oder	Wuensdorf	
	3 coaches, 9 gondola cars and 36 flatcars	Frankfurt/Oder	Jueterbog	
3 May	1 coach and 55 flatcars	Frankfurt/Oder	Wuensdorf	
4 May	45 gondola cars	Frankfurt/Oder	Wuensdorf	
	10 gondola cars	Frankfurt/Oder	Perleberg	
5 May	1 coach, 12 boxcars and 15 empty boxcars	Jueterbog	Altengrabow	
	25 gondola cars	Wuensdorf	Postock	
8 May	10 gondola cars	Wuensdorf	Perleberg	
	1 boxcar and 42 flatcars	Jueterbog	Frankfurt/Oder	
	3 coaches	Frankfurt/Oder	Wuensdorf	
	26 gondola cars and 22 flatcars			
13 May	1 coach	undetermined	Wuensdorf	
	43 flatcars and 6 empty gondola cars			
	1 coach and 43 boxcars	Wuensdorf	Jueterbog	
14 May	1 boxcar and 41 flatcars	undetermined	Frankfurt/Oder	

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2. Shipment listed in the records of the Cottbus Regional Railroad Headquarters between 5 and 19 May included:

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Date	Shipment	From	To
25X1 25X1 5 May	55 cars with new [] trucks	Frankfurt/Oder	Stendal
25X1 8 May	49 cars with 50 new [] trucks with military escort personnel	Frankfurt/Oder	Meimar
10 May	24 boxcars with at least 400 troops, 4 flatcars with sideracks carrying 8 new 12 guns of about 20-mm with ammunition carriers, and 4 AT guns of about 60-mm to 80-mm; and 1 gondola car as crash car	Frankfurt/Oder	Falkenberg
25X1 13 May	50 cars with new [] trucks	Frankfurt/Oder	Erfurt
	15 cars with undetermined cargo	Frankfurt/Oder	Muehlhausen (2)
	15 cars with undetermined cargo	Frankfurt/Oder	Gotha (2)
	20 cars with undetermined cargo	Frankfurt/Oder	Erfurt (2)
14 May	5 boxcars with troops 1 boxcar with undetermined cargo,	Goeerlitz	Zeithain
	39 flatcars with sideracks with trucks and artillery pieces and 1 gondola car as crash car		
15 May	31 cars with undetermined cargo; shipment-record No 85/01/24	Goeerlitz	Zeithain (3)
	1 boxcar with military escorting and	Roederan	Frankfurt/Oder (3)
	45 flatcars with sideracks with trucks; shipment-record No 75/1069		
	1 boxcar with military escort and	Falkenberg	Frankfurt/Oder
25X1 17 May	59 flatcars with sideracks with [] trucks	Frankfurt/Oder	Falkenberg
25X1 19 May	1 boxcar with military escort and	Falkenberg	Frankfurt/Oder (1)
	50 flatcars with sideracks with used [] trucks		
25X1	1 boxcar with military escort and	Frankfurt/Oder	Falkenberg
25X1	59 flatcars with sideracks with new [] trucks		
	25 cars with military goods	Schwepnitz	Murzen
	1 boxcar with soldiers and	Frankfurt/Oder	Luebben
	6 flatcars with sideracks with 12 canvas-covered AA guns		
	10 boxcars with undetermined cargo and	Frankfurt/Oder	Falkenberg
25X1	50 boxcars with new [] trucks, with military escort		

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3. Observations by source at the Cottbus railroad station between 28 April and 10 May included: the loading of 13 boxcars with troops, 4 cars with equipment, 7 cars with pontoons, 4 cars with wooden planks, and 23 cars with trucks, amphibious automobiles and other vehicles on 28 April; two rocket launchers, which came from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder, on 28 April; and a train loaded with 49 old trucks leaving towards Guben-Frankfurt/Oder on 29 April. Source also observed the following trains passing through the Cottbus railroad station: a train of 3 cars with trucks and 7 boxcars with troops from Frankfurt/Oder toward Falkenberg on 30 April; a train of 55 cars with new trucks from Frankfurt/Oder toward Falkenberg, on 2 May; a train of 40 cars with ammunition, and a train of 59 cars with new trucks from Frankfurt/Oder toward Falkenberg on 3 May; a train of 52 cars with new trucks from Frankfurt/Oder toward Falkenberg, and a train of 49 cars with old trucks from the direction of Falkenberg toward Guben on 5 May; a train of 17 cars with ammunition from Falkenberg to Guben, and a train carrying 3 rocket launchers and 1 T-34 tank from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder toward Falkenberg on 10 May. (4)

4. Shipments observed by source at the 4th Subdistrict Office of the Berlin Railroad District between 16 and 18 May included:

Date	Shipment	From	To
16 May	2 SS-type flatcars with masts	undetermined	Potsdam
	1 boxcar with military goods	undetermined	Griehnitzsee
17 May	1 SS-type flatcar with military goods	Kirchpöser:	Maldensleben
	1 tank car with gasoline	undetermined	Potsdam
	1 SS-type flatcar with beams	undetermined	Mildpark
18 May	1 tank car with gasoline	undetermined	Potsdam
	1 SS-type flatcar with beams	undetermined	Mildpark
	11 SS-type flatcars with tanks	Kirchpöser:	Dresden

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(1) Comments.

(2) The shipments to Muehlhausen, Gotha and Erfurt contained weapons for Volksmil-
itair cadre units in these posts.

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(3) On 14 May 1952, another source observed a troop train with engineer equipment and vehicles of the army engineer unit of the First Gds Mecc Army. The train passed through the Ruhland railroad station and proceeded towards Elsterwerda. At that time it was believed that this train possibly came from Goerlitz.

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The train mentioned in the reference is most probably identical with one of the trains in the present report. Thus it is believed that the pontoon bridge built across the Meisse River near Goerlitz in late April 1952 was dismantled prior to the 14 May 1952, and that the troops were presumably moved to the area south of Muehlhausen on the Elbe River.

(4) A troop train from Cottbus to Wittenberg was reported by another source on 25 April 1952. Then it was believed that elements of the 82nd Eng Bn of the 9th Mecc Div were carried by this train to the area east of Wittenberg on the Elbe River for engineer exercises. It would appear from the present report that engineer troops moved again on 27 April 1952. The rocket launcher mentioned in paragraph 3, along to the 7th Gds Mecc Div.

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